

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

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15 October 1965

1. I met with Bob Bannerman, [redacted] Emmett Echols, [redacted] and Hank Knoche to discuss what appeared to me to have been less than aggressive and imaginative action in connection with several types of papers which have been hitting my desk. The subjects ran through recruitment advertisements, requests for external speakers, marriage to aliens, and requests by employees to publish.

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a. With regard to recruitment advertisements, Bob and Emmett did not know that these had been submitted for approval, had serious reservations about the advertisements, and withdrew them for proper staffing.

b. With regard to external speakers, we agreed that requests for such speakers were likely to be received through any component or individual in the Agency and that it was not reasonable to expect that a substantial percentage would be received through the Assistant to the Director or the Director of Training. However, since we have established the Office of Training as the focal point for the selection of speakers, we agreed that they should also be the focal point for staffing out such requests and making their recommendations to this office. They should, of course, coordinate with the Assistant to the Director, the Office of Security, and any other component as appropriate to formulate their position.

c. On marriage to aliens, I said that I thought neither the Office of Security nor the Office of Personnel was showing proper concern for the Agency in their current handling of these cases. The Office of Security has a point in that they only have four days to process the case and, in addition, that the Agency's negative policy militates against conducting an investigation. I elaborated on Dick Helms' philosophy of treating each of these cases on its own merit and emphasized the necessity to keep our security antennas up so that we could investigate appropriate cases more carefully. In any case, I said that what I was pleading for was a little more imagination and judgment and less rubber-stamping.

d. With regard to requests by employees to publish externally, we arrived at no firm position. However, I emphasized my dissatisfaction with the present procedure and again asked [ ] to give this matter high priority and to be sure to listen to all sides before taking a position.

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2. [ ] talked to me about spending \$600 to soundproof the door between the Director's office and that of his secretaries. I asked [ ] to look into this and to report to me. Offhand, I don't see why this should cost \$600; there must be a cheaper way.

3. [ ] advised me that we are technically breaking the law because we are exceeding the 1964 rate of obligations which is provided for in the Congressional Continuing Resolution. However, most of this is due to Vietnam. He has talked with Don Smith at the Bureau of the Budget about it and there appears to be no problem.



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9:00 Executive Committee

10:30 Bernard Eckels

10:45 [redacted] - re adv. policy  
11:00 outside activities, etc.

5:20 Landerman

5:45 Koroche

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